



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1739

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Mission: The Mission of the McGill Center is to empower young people through community-based education, mentoring, employment readiness programs, and cultural enlightenment to assist them in developing skills that strengthen ties to family and community.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	300,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The requested funding will be used to offer programs and training intended to increase community involvement by empowering youth with the necessary tools to advance academically, professionally and personally.	300,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

The overall goal is to provide support, resources and opportunities for participants to better themselves and ensure a successful future.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The McGill Center will prepare Youth in Gadsden County with the learning experiences that prepare them to be active, creative, knowledgeable, and ethical participants in the greater community. The Program will offer:

- " Character development
- " Activities aimed at restoring self-esteem, self-confidence and trust
- " Academic tutoring
- " Referrals for individual, mental health and drug counseling
- " Saturday sports/activities program
- " Family support
- " Group and one-on-one mentoring
- " Career preparation including developing resumes, interviewing skills training, and dressing for success in the workforce
- " OSHA training in restaurant and hospitality, marketing, nutrition, customer service, purchasing & inventory
- " Financial literacy
- " Entrepreneurship skills
- " Maintaining a healthy lifestyle: fighting childhood obesity

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c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?



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The program will assist in transforming the lives of youth through training, community service, and sustainable wages and jobs. The project will be a community-based alternative education program that provides job training and educational opportunities for youthful offenders, ages 16 to 24. The project will combine classroom instruction and real-world projects that prepare participants for the workplace. The job skills training will focus on careers that are in-demand in the Big Bend area: restaurant and hospitality, Microsoft Office specialist (MOS) certification, and the SafeServ food handler certification. Youth will receive industry recognized credentials while earning a paycheck and practicing the hands-on skills needed for success.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The project will be a community-based alternative education program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth, disabled youth, and youth offenders, ages 16 to 24. The project will combine classroom instruction and real-world projects that prepare participants for the workplace.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The Program will consist of a two-phased program. During phase 1, youth will be offered life skills, character-based curriculum, mentors, tutors, and additional services such as family, individual, and drug counseling. Phase 2 will include 6 months of education, career development, community service, and transitional programming. The program proposes to serve a minimum of 150-200 youth, lower the recidivism rates by 50%, lower crime rates, build safer communities, produce productive citizens, and build better functioning families. As a result, the youth will have the unique experience of having an opportunity to improve the world around them and local residents will witness young people taking responsibility for the development of their own lives and their community.

The combined aim of our education and employment services is to prepare young people for meaningful, sustainable, living-wage employment that makes lasting self-sufficiency possible.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Funds will be returned to the State.

13. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number